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ALLOTMENT OF RETAIL OUTLETS IN MAHARASHTRA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether selection process for allotment of petrol and diesel outlets in Maharashtra,particularly in Mumbai has been started;

(b) if so, the number of new outlets to be allotted and whether any quota has been fixed for the people belonging to backward classes of the society;

(c) the number of retail outlets allotted to backward classes in Maharashtra till date; and

(d) the time by which these petrol/diesel pumps are likely to become functional, particularly in Mumbai?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d): Consequent upon dismantling of the Administered Pricing Mechanismin the petroleum sector w.e.f. 1.4.2002, the selection of dealers for retail outlets (petrol and diesel outlets) for different locations in the country, including those in the State of Maharashtra, will now be made by the oil marketing companies themselves as per the guidelines to be adopted by them. While preliminary action like selection of suitable sites for setting up of retail outlets, etc., has been initiated, selection of dealers will be done after finalisation of guidelines in this regard. Further, the number of retail outlets to be set up in a particular State/Union Territory will depend on the viability norms, commercial consideration, etc. While, at present, there is no reservation provided for allocation of retail outlets to other backward classes, there were, as on 1.4.2002, 113 retail outlets in operation in the State of Maharashtra, which were allotted to persons belonging to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories.

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